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SUBJECT: FRENCH VIEWS ON RELATIONS WITH GREECE

1. MASSET, FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELOR, CALLED AT DEPARTMENT TODAY TO DESCRIBE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S POSTURE TOWARDS GREECE.

2. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT VIEWS SUPPORT FOR KARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT AS INDISPENSABLE, SINCE KARAMANLIS IS THE ONLY HOPE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN GREECE. THE FRENCH, AND THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS OF THE NINE, HAVE NO INTEREST IN ENCOURAGING OR EXPLOITING ANTI-AMERICANISM IN GREECE, SINCE THIS WOULD ONLY TEND TO EXACERBATE THE SITUATION. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT PLANS TO AVOID ANY CONTRAST
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BETWEEN U.S.ROLE IN TURKEY AND THE ROLE OF FRANCE AND THE

NINE IN GREECE SO AS TO MINIMIZE ANY FEELING OF SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HOPES U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL DO LIKEWISE IN ANKARA.

3. MASSET EXPRESSLY DENIED, ALONG LINES OF PARIS 20115, ALLEGATIONS THAT FRANCE WAS ACCELERATING ARMS DELIVERIES TO ATHENS.

4. MASSET NOTED IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT GREEKS HAVE BEEN PUTTING QUESTIONS TO THEIR EMBASSY IN ATHENS ABOUT THE MODALITIES OF WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO AND THE NATURE OF

FRENCH RELATIONS WITH NATO SINCE ITS 1966 WITHDRAWAL. FRENCH HAVE REPLIED FACTUALLY TO THESE QUESTIONS, SINCE THEY ARE LARGELY IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. AT SAME TIME, FRENCH EMBASSY IN ATHENS HAS EXPLICITLY AVOIDED ANY ENCOURAGEMENT OR STIMULATION TO GREEKS TO FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE AND IS TRYING TO AVOID BECOMING "TECHNICAL COUNSELOR" TO THE GREEKS ON THIS MATTER.

5. MASSET REITERATED FRENCH POSITION THAT THEY ARE VERY CONCERNED OVER THE BREACH IN NATO DEFENSES WHICH GREEK WITHDRAWAL MIGHT ENTAIL. KISSINGER

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